## IDOC Ombudsman Bureau Monthly Report | April

### **Overview of Monthly Activity**

The Bureau received 91 (38 were received electronically) complaints during the month of April 2015.

101 (48 electronic) complaints were closed

1 required more information to proceed with an investigation

1 were closed due to lack of Bureau jurisdiction

30 were dismissed for no violation

11 were referred back to the DOC

57 complaints were investigated

1 assist was given (referred back to DOC for action even though the offender failed to attempt to resolve with the facility previously)

6 (3 electronic) complaints were substantiated (see below)

50 were unsubstantiated due to no violation of policy and/or procedure existing

8 complaints remain open (2 from March, and 6 from April)

The Bureau also corresponded with another 205 offenders who submitted complaints electronically

### **Substantiated Complaints & Recommendations to IDOC for Resolution**

### 1. Indiana State Prison

**Complaint Type** Visitation

Complaint Summary The offender complained that his visits had been taken

permanently, but per policy he was only supposed to be

placed on a six-month restriction.

**Basis for Claim** 02-01-102 Offender Visitation

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Howard Morton, Executive Assistant

at the facility.

**Outcome** The visitation restriction was updated to six months to

reflect that it was his first offense.

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**Follow-up** No follow-up necessary as the visitation restriction has

been updated.

2. Miami Correctional Facility

Complaint Type Medical

Complaint Summary The offender complains that he was supposed to receive

follow up medical care, but had not received it.

**Basis for Claim** Healthcare Services Directive 2.04

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Monica Gipson, Healthcare Services

Director.

**Outcome** The offender was seen, evaluated, and treated further.

**Follow-up** No follow-up necessary as the offender has received further

care.

3. New Castle Correctional Facility

**Complaint Type** Classification – time cut

**Complaint Summary** The offender complained that he had tried contacting

several different people to help him get credit for a time

cut, but no one would help him.

**Basis for Claim** 01-04-101 Adult Offender Classification

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Randy Short, Director of Adult

Classification.

**Outcome** The offender received the time cut.

**Follow-up** No follow-up necessary.

4. Putnamville Correctional Facility

Complaint Type Classification - time cut

**Complaint Summary** The offender complained that he had talked to his

counselor who had confirmed that he had received two time

cuts, but only one had been credited.

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**Basis for Claim** 01-04-101 Adult Offender Classification

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Randy Short, Director of Adult

Classification.

**Outcome** The offender received his time cut.

**Follow-up** No follow-up necessary as the time cut has been applied.

### 5. Putnamville Correctional Facility

Complaint Type Medical Care

Complaint Summary The offender complained that he had been trying to get his

medicine for over a month and still did not have it.

**Basis for Claim** Healthcare Services Directive 2.04 Access to Care.

Healthcare Services Directive 2.17 Medication

Management

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Monica Gipson, Healthcare Services

Director.

**Outcome** The medication was provided.

**Follow-up** No follow-up necessary, as the offender has his medication

and staff appropriately implemented efficiencies to ensure

this would not happen again.

### 6. Westville Correctional Facility

Complaint Type Dental

Complaint Summary The offender complained that he was supposed to have

teeth extracted, but had not been scheduled.

Basis for Claim Dental Services Manual

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Monica Gipson, Healthcare Services

Director.

Outcome The offender was seen and treated and facility processes

were reviewed further to ensure that proper scheduling

would occur in the future.

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**Follow-up** No follow-up necessary, as the offender has had his teeth

pulled and new processes have been implemented.

Assist

## 1. Putnamville Correctional Facility

Complaint Type Medical Care

Complaint Summary The offender complained that he was in need of care for an

infection in his toe and he had not been able to be sent out

for medical.

**Basis for Claim** Healthcare Services Directive 2.04 Access to Care

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Monica Gipson, Healthcare Services

Director.

**Outcome** The offender was seen and treated.

**Follow-up** No follow-up necessary, as the offender has received the

necessary care.

### **Follow-up from Previous Months**

## **Follow-up for Substantiated Complaints**

### 1. Miami Correctional Facility - Medical

**Synopsis:** The offender complained that he has an eye condition that causes his eyes to be sensitive to light. He believes that he should be able to block the sun from his cell because of it and had been given a pass to do so.

**30 – Day Review:** Offender was seen by eye doctor and has received tinted glasses. Staff was counseled as to appropriate care to be given for such a condition in accordance with security concerns.

## **Follow-up for Assists**

### 1. Miami Correctional Facility - Medical

**Synopsis:** The offender complained that he had been waiting over two weeks to be treated for a

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broken collar bone and dislocated shoulder. He had been sent out and the approval for the surgery occurred over seven days later.

**30-day Review:** He was scheduled for and received the surgery.

## 2. Miami Correctional Facility - Medical

**Synopsis:** The offender complained that he's submitted three healthcare request forms, but has not been seen for pain that he's having in his knee.

**30-day Review**: The offender has received a cane, was evaluated and ordered medication. He was released before he could be given further treatment.